Recommendations of GoM on SEZs

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) under the Chairmanship of External Affairs Minister, is considering land acquisition issue in respect of SEZs; if so, its terms of reference;

(b) whether GoM has given its recommendations to Government;

(c) what are the recommendations made and by when Government are likely to implement the same;

(d) whether the Commerce Ministry has notified the SEZ Act and SEZ rules; and

(e) whether Centre and States would provide critical infrastructure for private sector, to set up manufacturing and service units in the SEZs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) An Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) has been constituted to consider the issues relating to Special Economic Zones (SEZs) on which consensus has not emerged in the Board of Approval and to finalize such policy directions as may be considered necessary for the effective implementation of the SEZ Act and Rules there under. Based on the directions of the EGOM, Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Rules, 2006 were notified in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, on 10th August, 2006 vide GSR No. 470(E). These were laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 29th November, 2006. Number of representations on various issues including land acquisition have been placed before the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM).

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Development of infrastructure in SEZ, for setting up manufacturing and service units, is the responsibility of the SEZ Developer.

Private promoters in SEZs

887. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many private promoters are in Special Economic Zones;

(b) their names and areas where they are developers;

(c) how much land and in which State each of them have acquired in each zone;

(d) the per acre rate paid by them; and

(e) at what price they will be selling land to entrepreneurs in these zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (c) The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e) As per the provisions of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 and Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006 land in the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) cannot be sold by the promoter. Land being a State subject the price for the land allotted by the State Governments to the promoters and the compensation payable for the acquired land are decided by the State Governments as per their respective policies. In the case of direct acquisition by the promoters, the price payable is arrived at on the basis of negotiations between the seller and the buyer.